

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Notice to Interested Parties

December 3, 2004

Announcement of a Public Comment Period

Public comments on the child-specific Reference Dose (chRD) for manganese and pentachlorophenol for use in assessing health risks at existing and proposed School Sites

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of the California Environmental Protection Agency is making available for review and comment the Draft Report "Development of Health Criteria for School Site Risk Assessment Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 901(g): PROPOSED CHILD-SPECIFIC REFERENCE DOSE (chRD) FOR SCHOOL SITE RISK ASSESSMENT, Manganese and Pentachlorophenol." Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 901(g) requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), in consultation with the appropriate entities within the California Environmental Protection Agency, to identify those chemical contaminants commonly found at school sites and determined by OEHHA to be of greatest concern based on child-specific physiological sensitivities. HSC 901(g) also requires OEHHA to annually evaluate and publish, as appropriate, numerical health guidance values (HGVs) or chRDs for those chemical contaminants until the contaminants identified have been exhausted. ChRDs for manganese and pentachlorophenol are being considered at this time

This public review and comment period follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 57003 for receiving public input. On a parallel track, OEHHA will be seeking comments from an external peer review panel to be assembled by the Office of the President, University of California. OEHHA requests comments on this draft report be delivered to OEHHA by 5:00 p.m. January 18, 2005. Comments received by that date will be considered in revision of the document.

If you would like to receive further information on this announcement or have questions, please contact our office at (916) 324-2829 or the address below. Written requests or comments should be addressed to:

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